

# HOUSE BILL No. 1634

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-31.5-2-180; IC 35-47-17.

**Synopsis:** Regulation of knives by political subdivisions. Prohibits political subdivisions, with certain exceptions, from: (1) regulating the possession, carrying, transportation, sale, purchase, transfer, licensing, registration, or use of a knife or the components used to make a knife; and (2) adopting an ordinance, a rule, or a policy concerning the manufacturing of knives that is more restrictive than an ordinance, a rule, or a policy concerning the manufacturing of any other commercial goods. Allows school corporations to adopt rules or regulations that prohibit a person from possessing a knife in a school building. Voids any provision of an ordinance, a rule, a policy, or any other regulation of a political subdivision: (1) that pertains to or affects the regulation of knives; and (2) that is enacted, adopted, or undertaken before, on, or after July 1, 2015; except for rules or regulations of a school corporation that prohibit a person from possessing a knife in a school building.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 22, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Public Policy.

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First Regular Session of the 119th General Assembly (2015)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2014 Regular Session and 2014 Second Regular Technical Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1       SECTION 1. IC 35-31.5-2-180, AS ADDED BY P.L.114-2012,  
2       SECTION 67, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2015]: Sec. 180. (a) "Knife", for purposes of IC 35-47-5-2.5,  
4       has the meaning set forth in IC 35-47-5-2.5(a) and IC 35-47-5-2.5(b).  
5       **(b) "Knife", for purposes of IC 35-47-17, has the meaning set**  
6       **forth in IC 35-47-17-2.**  
7       SECTION 2. IC 35-47-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
8       AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
9       JULY 1, 2015]:  
10      **Chapter 17. Local Regulation of Knives**  
11      **Sec. 1. Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, this**  
12      **chapter applies to a political subdivision (as defined in**  
13      **IC 3-5-2-38).**  
14      **Sec. 2. (a) As used in this chapter, "knife" means a cutting**  
15      **instrument.**



(b) The term includes a sharpened or pointed blade.

**Sec. 3.** Except as provided in section 5 of this chapter, a political subdivision may not regulate the:

- (1) possession;
- (2) carrying;
- (3) transportation;
- (4) sale;
- (5) purchase;
- (6) transfer;
- (7) licensing;
- (8) registration; or
- (9) use;

of a knife or the components used to make a knife.

**Sec. 4.** A political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance, a rule, or a policy concerning the manufacturing of knives that is more restrictive than an ordinance, a rule, or a policy concerning the manufacturing of any other commercial goods.

**Sec. 5.** A school corporation may adopt a rule or regulation that prohibits a person from possessing a knife in a school building.

**Sec. 6.** Except for a rule or regulation described in section 5 of this chapter, any provision of an ordinance, a rule, a policy, or any other regulation of a political subdivision:

- (1) that pertains to or affects the matters listed in section 3 or 4 of this chapter; and
- (2) that is enacted, adopted, or undertaken before, on, or after

July 1, 2015;

is void.

